



Village of Pemberton | Community Update

Pemberton



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Pemberton's Slow Food Cycle Sunday saw over 1000 riders graze their way up the Valley on August 20. Have you hosted a community event? Captured the spirit of Pemberton from behind the lens? The Village of Pemberton is looking to build its stock of local images. Make sure your community group, events and vision are part of the picture of Pemberton. Please send photos to kangelski@pemberton.ca.

Pemberton Factbox

HOW'S YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE? DID YOU KNOW THAT:

- The Youth Centre is hosting an Open House at 7pm on Saturday 30 September
- Port Pemberton first appeared on a map in 1859. The "Port" was dropped by 1862.
- The highway connected Pemberton to Whistler in 1975
- The airport has over 400 landings a year, and was the setting for commercials for Hyundai and Mountain Dew
- Pemberton's population growth over the past decade from 897 to 2517 gives us a population density that triples Squamish and is almost ten times the density of Whistler
- Bears are especially active in August and September
- Our southern border goes to Tidsdale
- Pemberton Fire Rescue gets 250 calls a year, and is looking for volunteers
- The emergency number for the ambulance is 604 894 6353
- Nine varieties of wild berry grow at One Mile Lake Park
- Three local councilors are trained paramedics, and three local councilors work on family farms.

All this information is available at the Village of Pemberton website at www.pemberton.ca. You can also find out how your house is zoned, what a building permit involves, or link to the weather, to local bed and breakfasts, or to real time water levels on the Lillooet River.

Keep us in your loop

The Village of Pemberton is not just 4.4km., 5 councillors and 17 staff. It is you. It is your infrastructure, your money, your enthusiasm and your engagement. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, share them with us. Be part of a feedback loop that keeps everybody talking.

Concerns or bylaw complaints: Contact the Village of Pemberton during office hours.

Suggestions and feedback: The Village is initiating a Customer Service Satisfaction survey, as a means of ensuring the quality of service we offer. The Survey will be mailed to residents who have made a Customer Service Request or worked with the Village on development or administrative needs.

Community groups: The Village supports community groups to provide leisure and cultural services that enhance the quality of life to residents. Events can be posted on the Village's website at the events calendar. To book the Community

Billboard to promote your event, check the Billboard bookings on the website for availability, and contact kangelski@pemberton.ca

Ideas, events and initiatives: Hosting an event? Got an idea that involves the community or public facilities? Put together a proposal, meet with staff and make a presentation to council. Any individual or group wishing to make an oral presentation to Council is asked to submit a Delegation Application Form (available at www.pemberton.ca, under Municipal Hall) by the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. This provides time for staff to provide or collect background information that would inform the Council's decision, where necessary. A written request can also be made, and again, must be received the Wednesday prior to the Council meeting. Please include your contact information, including mailing address.

Working together. Each year, the Village

takes on a handful of community improvement projects, such as installing sidewalks, roadside beautification with banners and signage, the community garden. Our limited budget means we cannot drive every project, as we are also looking after public works, pipes, sewerage treatment, water servicing, fire prevention and protection, development permitting and planning, dog licencing, landscaping.

We do not always have the resources to take your ideas and make them happen. But we can be a resource to enable good ideas to move forward and be developed. If you know what you are asking for, and prepare a constructive request, we can help guide you through processes, inform your due diligence investigations, suggest community contacts, offer services in-kind, or incorporate your project into our budget and planning. If you are planning an event or project, keep us in your loop.

Budget Planning Underway, Grants Fill in the Gaps

As fall approaches, the Village is moving into budget preparations for 2007. The budget will reflect Council's Strategic Priorities for 2007 and beyond.

For 2006, the Village has been successful at securing funding from a wide variety of grants, to provide a range of services to the community and meet the 2006 Strategic Priorities.

Grant successes for 2006 include funding for a November emergency planning preparedness exercise (\$10,000); working with Tourism Pemberton for community tourism infrastructure development (\$22,000); infrastructure planning for water and sewer capacity reviews

(\$20,000); construction of the Community Centre and Library (\$1.3 million); outfitting the Community Garden (\$4000); Bear Aware programs and bear-proof bins; West Nile risk reduction initiatives; hosting Community Celebrations workshops; and wildfire planning. The Village also received \$60,000 in gas tax rebate, which must be dedicated to infrastructure-related spending. Many of these grant programs provide strict guidelines as to what the money can be used for and when the money must be spent by, and have reporting requirements to the funding body.

The Village of Pemberton currently does not have a grants-in-aid

program for community groups. Community groups seeking support may be funded from a limited discretionary fund of Council. This year, support has been provided to projects like Rotary's Earth Day Clean up and landscaping of the green space at the Health Centre, and the Chamber of Commerce Info Centre summer operations. The Village also funds the Museum operations, Library operations, and contributes to the Joint Operations Committee with the SLRD which funds the Pemberton Recreation Commission, and the Community Centre.

With budget preparation underway for 2007, now is the time for

community groups seeking support in the year to come to put together a proposal for Council, outlining clearly the nature of the project, the community benefit, the planning undertaken so far, an itemized budget with donated, in-kind and cash contributions, and the actual request.

The Village of Pemberton will continue to work hard to secure funds to enhance our community with projects and programs we would otherwise have to raise taxes to do. These projects assist in the development of our community infrastructure, and profile, stimulating economic development and growing capacity.

Pemberton Briefs

SPUD VALLEY POISED FOR GLOBAL FAME. The United Nations has declared 2008 the International Year of the Potato.

ONE-STOP WASTE DROP-OFF OPENS. The new Waste Transfer Station and Recycling Centre is open at the Industrial Park on 1947 Carpenter Road, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1-5pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. Call Carney's Waste Systems on 604 932 5238 for more information.

ARTS NOW GRANT BRINGS COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS WORKSHOP. Pemberton is one of 10 communities in BC to host an Arts Build Communities workshop, through the support of Arts Now. The event will take place on November 24 and 25.

GO LOGO. Submissions are still open for the Village of Pemberton logo competition. Details at www.pemberton.ca

DON'T BE A DRIP. After a dry summer, and despite the recent rain, water restrictions continue to apply throughout the Village of Pemberton and Pemberton North. Odd-numbered houses may water Wednesdays and Saturdays, 4am-9am and 7pm-10pm. Even-numbered addresses may water Thursdays and Sundays, 4am-9am and 7pm-10pm.

Pemberton's annual water consumption is 578,000 m³ which means each household is billed for use of 483 m³ or 106,000 gallons, per year. (That's nine tanker trucks, per home.) Much of this water is lost through leaking faucets and unmonitored sprinkling. Low-flush toilets and low-flow showerheads, sprinkler timers, and water-consciousness can make a huge difference!

CALLING ALL CHIMNEY SWEEPS. Fire Chief Russell Mack urges residents to have their chimneys cleaned before winter.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Tax Sale, 25 September, 10am

Village of Pemberton/Mt Currie Joint Councils meeting,

Tuesday September 26 7pm

Council meeting Tuesday September 26 8am

Council meeting Tuesday October 3 7pm

UBCM Convention, 23-27 October